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## WASHINGTON'S LONG LOST LAND

Heirs to Be Reimbursed After More Than Century

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Counsel for Heirs Says Washington Bought the Patents for Land in Dispute, but Exact Location Was Determined.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Hundreds of millions is the value of a great tract in the heart of Cincinnati which Lawrence Washington and S. M. Washington, who claim to be heirs-at-law of George Washington, will ask Congress to give to them, or its equivalent, following the provisions of the first president's will.

It was supposed the estate of the great man had been settled and its affairs closed up more than 100 years ago. But the recent revival of studies into Washington's personal affairs has brought to light indications that his estate never received any equivalent for 10,000 acres in the Ohio river valley.

To recover for this property the two descendants, named above have just secured the appointment of Robert E. Lee, grandson of Gen. Robert E. Lee and a descendant of "Light Horse" Harry Lee, Washington's cavalry commander, as administrator of the Washington estate.

He will bring action to recover lands in Ohio which were granted to Washington by the British government, and later by the United States in recognition of his military services to both governments. It is hardly hoped by the heirs to recover the specific tracts of land granted to Washington, since these were, through mistake, subsequently granted to actual settlers upon them.

But in default of such recovery the heirs expect to obtain from Congress a sum of money equivalent to their value, whether their value at the time of the grant to Washington or at the present time is not known.

According to Gen. Washington's will, he owned three large tracts of land in the Ohio river bottom, aggregating nearly 10,000 acres. One of these grants embraces Point Pleasant, the birthplace of Gen. Grant. Another, of several thousand acres, is in Round Bottom, the present site of Cincinnati, and a third, at the mouth of the river, is valuable for coal and oil. Of this tract Gen. Washington said in his will: "This tract was taken up by Gen. Lewis and myself on account of the bituminous spring which it contains of so inflammable nature as to burn as freely as spirits and is nearly as difficult to extinguish."

This is the first mention of petroleum in the United States, and it indicates that Washington was the first discoverer of petroleum and the first to realize its importance.

George W. Hadley's Strange Death at Somerville, Mass.

Boston, Nov. 2.—With his legs caught in the railings of a banister of the front stairs of his home at No. 130 Perkins street, and his face and body discolored, George W. Hadley, one of the wealthiest men of Somerville, was found dead early yesterday by Policeman Heron.

Medical Examiner Burrell declares that death was accidental.

Appearance would seem to indicate that Mr. Hadley had died from strangulation, while trying to free his legs from the railing.

Mr. Hadley was fully dressed, with the exception of a coat, and apparently fell while attempting to get down stairs from his bedroom.

Since the death of his wife, six years ago, he had lived alone and had few friends.

He leaves one son, Walter M., a real estate man, of No. 24 Arlington street, Somerville, and a daughter, Benjamin Hadley, who is worth nearly a million dollars. Like his brother, Benjamin Hadley, who is ninety-three years old, lived the life of a hermit until a few weeks ago, when he became seriously ill and had to engage a nurse.

Hadley had not been seen since Monday, and outside doors of his house the discovery of his body were morning papers of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Patrolman Heron, who patrols the vicinity of the Hadley home, yesterday suspected that something might have happened to Mr. Hadley, and securing a ladder he crawled into the house through a window.

On the stairs he found Mr. Hadley's body.

**CORTEYOU AIDS SOUTH TO MOVE COTTON CROP.**

Plans to Pay Cash in New Orleans on Money Deposited Abroad.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 2.—Several plans for moving the cotton crop and thereby affording some measure of general financial relief were under way at New Orleans yesterday. Unofficial word was received from Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou that he will investigate the possibility of paying out cash at the New Orleans sub-treasury for money deposited by European cotton buyers with United States fiscal agents abroad. Several local exporters announced that they stand ready to do immediate business on this basis.

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## MAINE'S TIMBER OUTPUT.

900,000,000 Feet Last Winter—Preparing For This Year's Cut.

The log drives of all the Maine rivers are now in the booms, reports the Bangor Daily News. The drives have been especially clean this year, no logs being left to winter in the streams and brooks. This of course has been due to the high water which has continued all through the summer.

It is roughly estimated that last winter's cut in Maine was about 900,000,000 feet of spruce and perhaps 100,000,000 feet of pine, most of the latter being in the southwestern part of the state, where a second growth of pine has now developed along the Saco in place of those first great pines which gave Maine the name of the Pine Tree state.

The lumbermen are already locating the camps in the woods and making active preparations for next year's cut. In the old times lumbering was strictly a winter business, but in these times practically all the cutting is done in the fall and this part of the work is ended by Jan. 1. The indications point to a large cut, though the scarcity of labor is a serious obstacle to be overcome and there are other factors—the weather and the condition of the lumber market.

Twenty thousand forest fires notices have recently been posted in the state of Maine, some being sent to every town and plantation, and those with large wooded sections being very liberally supplied. Doubtless the warning conveyed by these notices has been a factor, as well as the wet summer, in making the Maine record of forest fires more favorable than for many years. There were a few fires in June in Somerset and Washington counties, but they were not extensive and did very little damage. June is usually the worst month of the year for these great fires which have worked such havoc in the wild lands of this state. There were no fires in July or August, and the woods are now as green and the swamps so full of water that it is very unlikely that Maine will suffer much from forest fires this year, even if a long dry spell should come on.

There will be no relaxation, however, in the vigilance of the fire wardens. There are 300 of these wardens and though they are paid by the state only for time actually spent in fighting fires or otherwise serving the commissioner they are on the watch. Most of them are men employed in the woods by private concerns or engaged in running sporting camps and their own interests keep them very watchful against fires. These wardens posted the fire notices in the unincorporated places, while the notices were sent to the selectmen of the towns and the assessors of the organized plantations.

**JAPANESE, HE SAYS, COME ON CONTRACT.**

Four Companies Operate in Vancouver, a Witness Declares.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 2.—A witness named Ishikawa, before a Government Commissioner King, who is settling riot damages, declared that four Japanese immigration companies operate in Vancouver.

The companies are prepared to bring large numbers of men from Japan, and have made contracts with railway companies to supply laborers," he said. "Agents of the companies in Japan receive a stated amount for supplying men for one, two or three years, and sometimes longer, 10 per cent. of every Oriental's wages being collected by the employment agency. This applies to domestic servants, as well as mill hands and railway workmen. A boarding-housekeepers' union in Vancouver controls the situation."

## NOT TO VISIT ENGLAND?

Kaiser Said to Have Changed Plans

## INDISPOSITION REPORTED

To Be the Cause—Editor Harden May Again Be Tried—Action Against Zu Eulenburg Also Reported to Be Likely.

New York, Nov. 2.—The Herald's Berlin correspondent says that the Kaiser will not visit England, as has been arranged, owing to his illness, to his indisposition. The visit had been arranged for an early date in November. It was said that the imperial chancellor, Prince von Buelow, would accompany the sovereign, and much political speculation followed the announcement. The imperial yacht was to have been met at the North sea by the whole home fleet. Upon the Kaiser's arrival in England he was to have been escorted to Windsor where the whole royal family were to have greeted him at a state banquet, and in London a banquet at the Guild Hall had been arranged, which it had been declared would have eclipsed all functions of the kind in a generation past. Indeed, the people of England, according to the reports, were prepared to welcome William II. with an unequalled spontaneity as a pledge of their faith in the better relations said to exist between the two nations.

## HARDEN MAY BE TRIED AGAIN.

Another Move in Camerilla Case—Eulenburg Will Be Prosecuted.

Berlin, Nov. 2.—The Harden-Moltke case has entered on a new phase. The state's attorney has decided to bring suit against Herr Harden, editor of Die Zukunft, before a bench of five judges. This decision apparently is due to the widespread opinion that General Count Kuno von Moltke was hardly dealt with in last week's trial of the suit for libel against Herr Harden. It also denotes a complete reversal of the attitude of the state's attorney, who originally had refused to bring suit against Herr Harden at General von Moltke's instance, leaving the latter to take private action on his own account.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says that the public prosecutor, acting on an anonymous denunciation, is taking preliminary information proceedings against Prince Philip zu Eulenburg and three exalted ex-army officers for offenses against paragraph 175 of the penal code. The action is regarded as the direct sequel of the defamation case of Count Kuno von Moltke against Maximilian Harden, editor of the Die Zukunft, which resulted in a victory for Harden.

The state's attorney later explained his action as follows: "Von Moltke apparently had no adequate opportunity at the recent trial to clear himself of Herr Harden's charges. Hence the state's attorney thinks it necessary to institute new proceedings and fully clear up the matter from all standpoints."

## SECRET DRAWERS.

Tarrytown Man Happens on a Fine Collection of Five-Guinea Pieces.

Stories of treasure trove, treasure islands, gold bugs and secret drawers and panels are not altogether confined to the imagination, as is proved by a recent experience of a resident of Tarrytown.

Some years ago in the division of the estate of a relative, the only thing by which the Tarrytown man was remembered was an unusually heavy antique mahogany desk, which in due time was transported to the house of the recipient and then passed from active notice. In a leisure moment a few days ago, the Tarrytown man began to examine the gift and found much to admire in its substantial construction and fine hand carving. In the course of his examination he came across not the mere traditional single secret drawer, but several secret drawers. What was still more to the purpose, each drawer was filled to the brim with English gold pieces of the largest denominations, and

the mystery of the great weight of the desk was solved.

Nearly all the coins were of the value of five guineas, which gold pieces, it may be explained, at a rough estimate, is equivalent to more than \$20, and weighs considerably more than half again as much as an ordinary silver dollar. The most recent of the gold pieces were of the period of George II. This king was represented by the five-guinea pieces in considerable numbers. Some of the pieces of this denomination of George II showed the word "Lime" under the bust on the obverse, which indicated that they had been struck from gold captured by English vessels on their way home from Lima, Peru. Under the bust of other five-guinea pieces were the letters "E. I. C.," for the East India company, which mark indicated that the gold had been sent to the English mint by this company.

There were five-guinea pieces of George I. The distinguishing mark on these coins was the figure of an elephant or of an elephant and castle, to show that the gold had been imported from the district of Guinea in West Africa, from which fact the term "guinea" is derived.

Good Queen Anne was also represented by five-guinea pieces. This estimable lady reigned from 1702 to 1714 and the gold coins of 1703 show the word "Vigo" under the queen's bust. This word was used to commemorate the capture of several Spanish galleons, by the combined English and Dutch fleets in the latter part of 1702 in Vigo bay and the gold taken upon this occasion was used in these coins.

There were several of the large gold coins of William III. The oldest of the coins found in the desk were the handsome five-guinea pieces of William and Mary, which showed on the obverse the bust of the king and queen.

All of the coins had been circulated, but were still in very fine condition, and of the 150 large gold pieces contained in the secret receptacles many had an excess value on account of their interest to collectors.—New York Sun.

## POPE'S NEPHEW SHOT.

Mortally Wounded in Milan by Discharged Workman.

Rome, Nov. 2.—A nephew of the pope, named Zampori, who was at the head of a workshop in Milan, was shot and mortally wounded yesterday by a workman whom he had discharged.

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